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The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed

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The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) – the European umbrella organisation representing stakeholders active in the production of insects for food and feed - welcomes the European Union (EU) Member States authorities' **green light to the draft implementing regulations** from the European Commission, aiming to authorise the commercialisation of frozen and freeze-dried formulations of the lesser mealworm (*Alphitobius diaperinus*) and partially-defatted house cricket (*Acheta domesticus*). The favourable opinion from Member States will lead to the authorisation of these products in the next few weeks.

The approval of the mentioned house cricket represents another step towards the authorisation of additional products derived from this edible insect species, following the first Novel Food authorisation on house cricket in March 2022. In the case of lesser mealworm, this decision would lead to the first Novel Food authorisation of this insect food product.

According to the Novel Foods (NF) process, the draft acts will have to be adopted by the European Commission's College of Commissioners. The partially defatted cricket authorisation results from an application submitted by the Vietnamese company Cricket One in July 2019 while the *Alphitobius diaperinus* one results from an application submitted by the company Proti-Farm, in January 2018 (the company name changed from 'Proti-Farm Holding NV' to 'Ynsect NL B.V').

For more information on the Novel Food and the related steps, have a look at the [IPIFF Briefing](#).

Paper and at the [IPIFF info-sheet on 'the commercialisation of edible insects in the European Union'](#). The IPIFF FAQs on Novel Food are available [here](#) and will be updated in the upcoming days.

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The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) is a non-profit organisation which represents the interests of the insect production sector towards EU policymakers, European stakeholders and citizens. Composed of 86 members, most of which are European insect producing companies, IPIFF promotes the use of insects and insect-derived products as top tier source of nutrients for human consumption and animal feed.